

Sex Offenders and Reward Offers:

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officials are seeking the public's help in finding 10 sex offenders who have either failed to report to their parole officer, cut off their GPS ankle bracelet or let their tracking devices' batteries die. The Antelope Valley community, where these sex offenders were last known to reside, is extremely and rightfully concerned.

Existing state law provides the public access to certain information concerning sex offenders, including their name, age, location, conviction(s) and other identifying information. Sex offenders under active probation or parole supervision have to abide by certain terms and conditions of supervision which could be revoked if they fail to follow those terms and conditions, including tampering with their GPS ankle bracelet.

The county, under county code section 4.50.010 offers rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of certain criminal acts to assist law enforcement solve crimes. The county should explore expanding that code section to include information that would lead to locating and apprehending sex offenders who abscond while on active parole/probation.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to amend the existing ordinance for rewards (county code section 4.50.010) and place it on the Board's agenda for consideration in two weeks. The amendment is to allow reward offers to be made in exchange for information leading to locating and/or apprehending sex offenders who abscond while on active parole/probation.

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